

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MATT BRAINARD**, on March 4, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Matt Brainard, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Toni Hagener, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Allan Walters, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Tom Dell (D)  
Rep. George Golie (D)  
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)  
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)  
Rep. Douglas Mood (R)  
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Bill Tash (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)  
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch  
Karen Mills, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s): SB 291, 231, 292, 195,, 3/7/1999  
Executive Action: SB 292, 231, 291,  
**Posted:** 2/19/1999

HEARING ON SB 291

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. BILL CRISMORE  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.5 - 2.5}

Proponents' Testimony:

ROBERT THROSSEL, Mt. Assn. of Clerks and Recorders  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.5 - 5.2}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REP. WAGNER  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.8 - 7}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. BILL CRISMORE  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.1 - 7.3}  
REP. WAGNER WILL CARRY BILL TO THE HOUSE FLOOR.

HEARING ON SB 231

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. REINEY JABS  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.9 - 8.8}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. REINEY JABS  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.3 - 10.1}

HEARING ON SB 292

Opening Statement by Sponsor: AL BISHOP  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.2 - 11}

Informational Testimony:

LINDA VAUGHEY, Comm. of Political Practices **EXHIBIT**(sth49a01)  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.9 - 12.2}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REP. RYAN  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.5 - 14.9}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. AL BISHOP  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.9 - 15.8}

HEARING ON SB 195

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. J.D. LYNCH **EXHIBIT**(sth49a02)  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.2 - 23.9}

Proponents' Testimony:

HAL MANSON, American Vet. Legion  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.9 - 24.6}

RYAN HARRIS, Concerned Citizen  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.6 - 25.8}

LARRY LONGFELLOW, Quartermaster, Vet. of Foreign Wars  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.9 - 26.1}

JOHN SLOAN, DAV, PURPLE HEART  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.3 - 26.7}

ERIC FEAVER, MEA/MFT  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.7 - 27.3}

DOUG BOOKER, Concerned Citizen  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.3 - 27.6}

REP. BILL TASH, Korean War Veteran  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.7 - 28}

Opponents' Testimony:

KELLY JENKINS, General Counsel PERS  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28 - 31}  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 3}

MIKE O'CONNOR, Ex. Dir. PERS **EXHIBIT**(sth49a03)  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.3 - 3.9}

GARY PETERSON, State Employee and a Vietnam Veteran  
**EXHIBIT**(sth49a04)  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.6 - 10.9}

STEVE KOLOGI, Assoc. of Mt. Retired Employees  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11 - 13.6}

Informational Testimony:

TOM SCHNEIDER, Mont PERG

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.0 - 18.2}*

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

REPS; BRAINARD, HAGENER, DELL, ANDERSON, WAGNER, BRAINARD, MOOD, BRAINARD AND WALTERS.

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*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 5}*

**Closing by Sponsor: SEN. J.D. LYNCH**

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.2 - 7.9}*

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 292**

**Motion:** REP. HAGENER moved DO CONCUR on SB 292

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.5 - 8.6}*

**Discussion:**

REPS; THOMAS, WALTERS, THOMAS, ADAMS, THOMAS, AND TASH

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.6 - 16.9}*

**Motion/Vote:** The motion carried 12-5; REPS; ADAMS, ANDERSEN, THOMAS, SMITH AND WAGNER VOTING NO. REP. WALTERS WILL CARRY SB 292 TO THE HOUSE FLOOR.

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17 - 18}*

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 231**

**Motion:** REP. ANDERSEN moved DO CONCUR on SB 231

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.5 - 19}*

**Discussion:**

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.8 - 20.1}*

**Motion/Vote:** The motion carried 17-0; unanimous. REP. ANDERSEN WILL CARRY SB 231 to the floor.

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.1 - 20.3}*

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 291**

**Motion:** REP. HAGENER moved DO CONCUR on SB 291

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.2 - 21.4}*

**Motion/Vote:** The motion carried 17-0; unanimous. REP. WAGNER WILL CARRY SB 291 to the house floor.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:23 A.M.

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REP. MATT BRAINARD, Chairman

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KAREN MILLS, Secretary

MB/KM

**EXHIBIT (sth49aad)**